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THE PARLIAMENTS DESIRE and RESOLUTION

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PRINCE

PRESENTED TO HIS MAJESTY
at *York* by the Lord *Howard* of *Char.*

Wherein is expreſſed their loyall and faithfull intentions towards his Majeſtie and his Highneſſe the Prince, his Sonne.

And their Deſire of his Returne to *Hampton-Court*, according to his *Maieſties* firſt Reſolution and Intention, whereby the feare of Subject may be removed, and their Jealouſie ſecured,

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The Parliaments Desire and Resolution concerning the PRINCE.

WHat have been and still are the distractions of these times, are well knowne to all this Kingdome, the meanest and weakest apprehension needs no other expression then what they can apprehend from the indisposition of these times, arising from the discontents between his Majesty and his now assembled Parliament, which seemes to frustrate the happy and joyfull proceedings of the willing Snbject, whereby he would endeavour to settle the peaceable and flourishing Estate of this Kingdome. His Majesties removall beyond all thought or expectation from his Parliament, he having had no just occasion thereof offered unto him, but was raised by a most unjust suspition and jealousie of their fidelity and loyaltie, did stir

up ſtrange and feareful conceptions in their breaſts, which for a while did daſh and cruſh all their Deſignes and Proceedings for the peace of the Kingdome, which cannot ſmile and looke merry, ſo long as the State and quiet thereof ſtands thus diſtracted, and indeede how can the Bride but mourne, which at the time and expectation of moſt comfort, wants the true and reall conſolation of her Bridegroome; or how can the Body be in health and proſperity, when it is deprived of the benefit and comfort of the Head; aſwell may the Day looke ſmiling and glorious without the luſtre of the Sunne, as the Subject looke cheerefull, being deprived of the happy Society of his Soveraigne, whoſe chiefeſt happineſſe conſiſts in the fruition of a loving Soveraigne, as the happineſſe of a Childe in the enjoying of a loving Father. Often hath the Houſe of Parliament endeavoured by many loyall and ſubmiſſe Sollicitations and Petitions, to returne the Glory and Comfort of his Perſon unto his Subjects, whereby their diverted hearts will be much elevated and raiſed

raiſed from the melancholly feares which they are now involved in; but all in vain, his Majeſty being with-drawne from them by the ſiniſter and malitious counſels of the malignant party. Since this unhappy loſſe of his Majeſty, which hath produced ſuch diſcontents generally in the Subject, worſe counſell hath poſſeſſed his Majeſties tender and loving breaſt, and ſo far prevailed with him, that againſt his firſt and naturall intention, he hath againſt the deſire and intreaty of the Parliament deprived them of the preſence of his Highneſſe the *Prince*, which hath produced a generall griefe and feare in the Subject, and cauſed him to ſuſpect, that his Majeſties intentions are beyond their former beliefe, croſſe and oppoſite to their loyalty, and intentionall proceeding for the benefit of this Kingdome: For what can their loves and loyalties otherwiſe apprehend. when they are not only denyed his Majeſties preſence and aſſiſtance to countenance and furtheir their Liberties, but alſo are denyed him in whoſe

in whoſe welfare and proſperity conſiſts the future good and continuing happneſſe of this Kingdome.

They firſt humbly deſired his Majeſty that his Highneſſe might not be removed from *Hampton Court*, which did ſeeme to take ſome good effect, and to be with welcome entertained by his Majeſty, but apon the Queenes removall towards *Dover*, the King returning, and reſolving his ſtay at *Greenwich*, the Prince was commanded from *Greenwich* to attend his Majeſty there when they formerly conceived, that his Majeſty had reſolved his ſtay at *Hampton Court*: Whereupon they often did petition his Majeſty, that his Highneſſe might returne to *Hampton-Court*, tl eir deſire being grounded upon the indiſpoſition of the Marqueſſe of *Hartford*, whoſe fidelity & faith was thought worthy of ſo great a truſt, as by the Houſe to be choſen Governour to his Highneſſe, who now being much diſpoſed to ſickneſſe, was not able to attend the Prince to any remote place, being unable to travell, by reaſon of his continuall caſualty of health,

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hee being choſen his Governour, it was not thought convenient he ſhould farre depart: Neither was it to be conſtrued or imagined a needleſſe or unneceſſary feare or jealouſie, conſidering the future eſtate and welfare did wholly depend upon his ſafety and welfare, and in him did lye the joy and comfort of the Loyall Subject; from this one ground alſo the Parliament doth conceive many feares and jealouſies may ariſe, and be promoted in the hearts of his Majeſties moſt loyall Subjects, which will be very neceſſary to remove for the content of the Subject, and the peace of this Land: Neither can his Majeſty in equity deny theſe faithfull deſires of theſe his loyall Subjects, ſince their intentions, care, and vigilancie have been alwayes induſtrious to maintaine his Majeſties Rights and Honours, and to provide for the future welfare as the preſent, both of Majeſties perſon, his Royall Progeny, and the ſecurity and happineſſe of his whole Kingdome. They are confident that none doe miſ-conſtrue their pious intentions, but thoſe onely who in an indiſpoſition

ſition to the publike Good; or a guilt of their owne integrity, have ſtrived to poſſeſſe his Majeſty with theſe ſiniſter and evil counſels againſt his loyally diſpoſed Parliament, and their juſt proceedings.

To avoid theſe and the like occaſion of diſcontents, the Parliament did deſire his Majeſty, that his Highneſſe might continue at *Hampton Court*, by whoſe preſence they hope to ſettle the diſcontents of theſe times and alſo to ſecure themſelves from all future breaches, when they may daily behold the welfare of him in whom they doe place all their future hopes, and in whoſe miſcarrying an univerſall mourning muſt of neceſſity over-ſpread the face of the whole Kingdome.

FINIS.